

**Abstract:**

A development-oriented directory structure that can be used with an application server and which solves a number of the problems associated with traditional Enterprise Archive (EAR) files, comprising: a source folder that stores source files for use with or as part of a software application; an output folder that stores compiled files for use with or as part of said software application; and, wherein said source folder and said output folder output folder form a split directory for use in deploying said software application.